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The enclosed references were cited by a German Patent Office Examiner in an Examination Report (copy enclosed) for the German Priority Application No. 103 02 319.4. Note that enclosed U.S. Patents 5,050,602 and 6,219,581 are equivalent to cited

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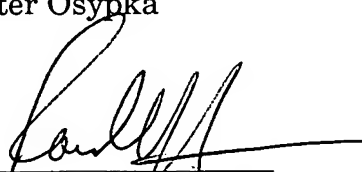
references DE 39 06 598 C2 and DE 196 54 491 A1, respectively. Note also that pertinent of CH 653 559 A5 is explained in the Background section of the specification.

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Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	3,915,174	10-1975	Preston			
	AB	5,050,602	09-1991	Osypka			
	AC	5,545,205	08-1996	Schulte et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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		653,559	01-1986	Switzerland			*	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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